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In reply to the Office Action dated May 23, 2005, of which this Reply is filed within the shortened three month statutory period for reply, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.